



NEWS RELEASE

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Lake Jackson, Texas

**City of Lake Jackson
Tropical Storm Harvey/Brazos River Flood
Weather Update
8/29/2017 – 7 p.m.**

Harvey is moving rapidly away from our area; the winds have shifted and are now out of the north. It appears the tide levels are moderate. We will take any good news we can.

The Brazos River is well into its broad long crest at Rosharon. The river at 6pm was at 52.67. The creek at FM2004 (Dow Pump Station) was at 17.05 this morning, 17.10 at noon and stayed at 17.10 at 6pm. The water moving through now is the rain runoff. In the next day or so we expect the water to turn reddish, which means we are seeing river overflow. The forecast continues to be that for the next five (5) days or more, the river will be overflowing north of the Harris Reservoir and into the Oyster Creek/Bastrop Bayou watershed.

Bastrop Bayou levels temporarily leveled and actually dropped a bit – probably related to improving tide conditions. We still expect the creek and bayou to reach and exceed the levels we saw last year.

City crews are still pumping out the last rain runoff to clear our internal system. This is a slow process in neighborhoods like Timbercreek and the area around the Brazos Canal.

The weather forecast looks much better, with minimal chances for rain for several days.

Several of our stores are trying to get more supplies into town. We hope they are successful.

Our emergency operating center will transition out of hurricane mode and into flood mode. That means we move from 24 hour operations at the center to about 16 hours a day. Our pumps will be manned 24 hours and our PD is always out there protecting us each and every day.

So, all we do now is wait for the water.